Tales from the Great Book
Samson and Delilah
LATER
AND THEN SAMSON TOLD ME ALL—HOW YOU
SEVEN FRESH BOWSTRINGS, EH? WE SHALL PROVE THEM FOR YOU AND THEN YOU SHALL BIND HIM AND WE WILL
AND NEXT SAMSON NEXT VISITS DELILAH...
NOW I HAVE PROCURED SEVEN FRESH BOWSTRINGS, SAMSON—AND I ONLY WISH TO SEE IF WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD ME IS TRUE!
NAY, I NOT SAID THEY SHALL MAKE ME WEAK AS A LAMB?!
HA! BEHOLD, DELILAH WAS HIM BOUND!
LET US ENTER AND PREPARE HIM!
NOW THOU ART BOUND AND— THE PHILISTINES ARE UPON YOU, SAMSON!
NEXT WEEK—THE SEVEN BOWSTRINGS!

Tales from the Great Book

ZECHARIAH A YOUNG PROPHET

THE POLITICALLY-MINDED PRINCES OF JUDAH, ON SEEING PROPHETS, FROM THE HILLS, SPEAK OUT, IN THE STREETS OF JERUSALEM, AGAINST WORSHIPING IDOLS, WASTE NO TIME IN HURRYING TO THE KING....

THIS IS THE WORK OF ZECHARIAH! HE WILL YET TURN THE PEOPLE AGAINST OUR IDOLS!
HE MUST NOT! FOR THEN ALL WE HAVE WORKED FOR, WILL BE AS NOTHING—WE WILL HAVE NO ALLIES AMONGST OUR NEIGHBORS!

NOT TO MENTION THE LOSS OF THOUSANDS OF SHEKELS, WHICH WE OBTAIN BY THE SALE OF INCENSE FOR THE PEOPLE TO BURN AT THE TEMPLE, IN BAAL'S HONOR!

...NOW, THE PRINCES CONFER WITH JOASH ABOUT ZECHARIAH....
MY COUSIN HAS ALREADY SPOKEN TO ME—BUT I HAVE TOLD HIM WHY WE SET UP IDOLS IN THE TEMPLE!
BUT I FEAR HE WILL NOT STOP IN THIS THING!

YES! ZECHARIAH HIRED PROPHETS FROM THE HILLS TO COME INTO THE CITY AND PROPHESY AGAINST THEE!
HE INTENDS TO TURN THE PEOPLE AGAINST WORSHIPING THE IDOLS OF OUR NEIGHBORS—AND, IF THIS HAPPENS, WE WILL HAVE NO FRIENDS AND ALLIES IN TIME OF WAR!

THE PRINCES LEAVE THE KING IMMEDIATELY! THEY HAVE OBTAINED EXACTLY WHAT THEY CAME FOR—NO NEED TO TARRY, FOR WHO KNOWS, THE KING COULD CHANGE HIS MIND!

AT THIS SAME TIME, ZECHARIAH, IN DEEP MEDITATION, FEELS THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD UPON HIM—NOW, HE KNOWS WHAT HE MUST DO!
JOHN ZEHT?
Next Week
THE HOUSE OF THE LORD!
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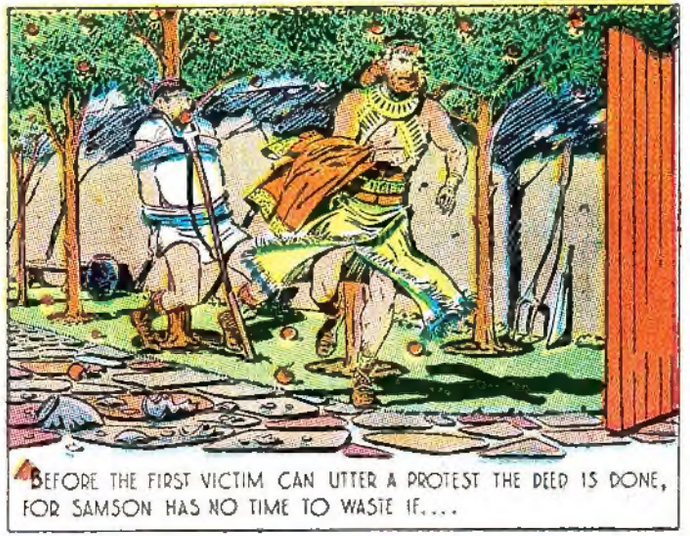
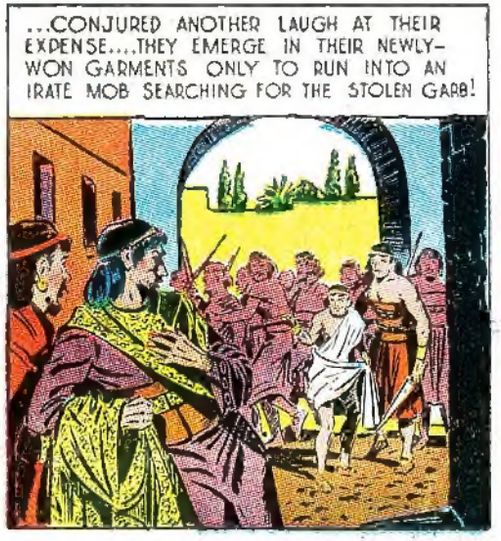
THE SAGA OF SAMSON

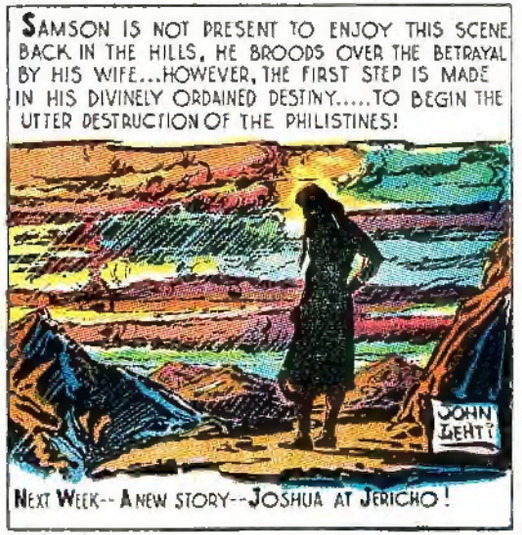
by John Lehti

ROGUISH SAMSON GAVE HIS PHILISTINE WEDDING GUESTS A RIDDLE....IF SOLVED IN SEVEN DAYS, EACH WOULD GET A RICH GARMENT. ANXIOUS TO BELITTLE SAMSON, THEY THREATEN HIS WIFE WITH DEATH UNLESS SHE REVEALS THE ANSWER. WHEN ALL FINALLY GIVE THE CORRECT SOLUTION, SAMSON REALIZES HIS WIFE HAS BETRAYED HIM....



THERE IS A HUGE SIGH OF RELIEF WHEN THIS FIERY BEHEMOTH STORMS OUT OF THE BUILDING—BUT THE SIGH IS TOO SOON, FOR SAMSON THE PRACTICAL JOKER HAS....


...CONJURED ANOTHER LAUGH AT THEIR EXPENSE....THEY EMERGE IN THEIR NEWLY-WON GARMENTS ONLY TO RUN INTO AN IRATE MOB SEARCHING FOR THE STOLEN GARB!


SAMSON IS NOT PRESENT TO ENJOY THIS SCENE BACK IN THE HILLS, HE BROODS OVER THE BETRAYAL BY HIS WIFE...HOWEVER, THE FIRST STEP IS MADE IN HIS DIVINELY ORDAINED DESTINY.....TO BEGIN THE UTTER DESTRUCTION OF THE PHILISTINES!
JOHN LEHTI
NEXT WEEK--A NEW STORY--JOSHUA AT JERICHO!

Tales from the Great Book
Samson and Delilah
NEVER COME NEAR ME AGAIN — FOR THOU HAST MADE A FOOL OF ME!
WHAT HAVE I DONE TO THEE, MY SON — AND HOW CAN I MAKE AMENDS?
ONLY STOP THY LIES TO ME — TELL ME HOW THOU CANST BE MADE WEAK AS ANY OTHER MAN — THEN I SHALL KNOW THOU TRULY LOVEST ME!
IF THIS IS WHAT I MUST DO TO PROVE MY LOVE FOR THEE, DELILAH — SO BE IT!
OH SAMSON! WILT THOU TRULY TELL ME THY SECRET? THEN I WILL KNOW THAT THOU LOVEST ME!
LISTEN, FOR NOW I WILL TRULY TELL HER!

Tales from the Great Book
AMOS- THE SHEPHERD TURNED PROPHET
ORDERED BY THE KING TO SEND AMOS AWAY FROM THE TEMPLE WHERE HE IS WARNING ISRAEL OF GOD'S WRATH TO COME - AMAZIAH NOW TAKES HEART AND CONFRONTS THE PROPHET...
NOW UNTO ALL ISRAEL...
...AS HE SPEAKS IN THE TEMPLE...
THE HIGH PRIEST'S VOICE CUTS INTO AMOS' SERMON...
...AND HE DELIVERS KING JEROBOAM'S MESSAGE...
GO BACK TO YOUR OWN LAND, SAYS THE KING!
I WAS NO PROPHET - NEITHER WAS I A PROPHET'S SON - BUT I WAS AN HERDMAN AND A GATHERER OF SYCAMORE FRUIT, AND THE LORD SOUGHT ME OUT TO DELIVER HIS MESSAGE UNTO YOU!
PROPHECY THERE AND EARN YOUR BREAD - BUT NOT HERE IN THE KING'S TEMPLE!
THERE IS A SILENCE AND THEN AMOS DRAWS HIMSELF TO FULL HEIGHT AND DELIVERS HIS OWN REPLY TO THOSE WHO WOULD NOT LISTEN TO THE WARNING!
Next Week
A FINAL WARNING!